



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 311

February Session, 2000

An Act Concerning Observance Of Martin Luther King Day.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) Any municipality that did not observe the Martin
2 Luther King Day legal holiday on January 17, 2000, by closing all
3 nonessential municipal offices shall close all such nonessential
4 municipal offices on any day designated as Martin Luther King Day
5 pursuant to section 1-4 of the general statutes.

6 Sec. 2. (NEW) Notwithstanding the provisions of the general
7 statutes, each municipal employer and each employee organization in
8 a municipality not observing Martin Luther King Day as a legal
9 holiday as of the effective date of this act shall reopen each collective
10 bargaining agreement approved in accordance with the provisions of
11 sections 7-467 to 7-477, inclusive, of the general statutes for the sole
12 purpose of negotiating compensation or exchange of benefits, if any,
13 for the bargaining unit members covered by such agreement for
14 observance of Martin Luther King Day.

15 Sec. 3. (NEW) If any such municipal employer and any such
16 employee organization are unable to resolve the compensation or
17 exchange of benefits issue after reopening the agreement pursuant to
18 section 2 of this act by July 1, 2000, the parties shall submit the issue to
19 the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration, and said board shall
20 make every effort to resolve the issue through mediation not later than

21 September 1, 2000.

22 Sec. 4. (NEW) If the parties are unable to resolve the compensation
23 or exchange of benefits issue pursuant to section 3 of this act, by
24 September 1, 2000, the parties shall submit the issue to said board for
25 resolution through binding arbitration not later than October 1, 2000,
26 and said board shall resolve the issue through binding arbitration not
27 later than November 30, 2000.

28 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect from its passage.

PD Committee Vote: Yea 16 Nay 0 JFS